Delhi High Court in November, 1985 to refer the dispute for Arbitration and in July, 1986 the Delhi High Court directed that the Managing Director, NCCF, should enter upon the reference as the Arbitrator. The Arbitration Proceedings commenced on 14-10-1986. In the meanwhile due to the transfer of the Managing Director the time allowed under the Indian Arbitration Act, 1940 expired. NCCF is moving the Delhi High Court for extension of time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Master Plan of the Brahmaputra Board

2467. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Master Plan of the Brahmaputra Board is likely to bring relief to the flood and erosion affected people of Assam;

(b) what in the event of delay in the completion of the plan, are the measures being contemplated by Government for the prevention of flood and erosion of the Brahmaputra; and

(c) whether there is any additional plan of the Brahmaputra Board chalked out specifically for the prevention of floods and erosion of Brahmaputra river as a temporary measure in view of the colossal loss of and damage to life and property in the State for more than three decades?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Brahmaputra Board has been charged *inter-alia* with the task of preparation of Master Plans for the long-term and enduring flood control measures that need to be taken in the Brahmaputra Valley and the Barak Valley. The draft plan prepared by the Brahmaputra Board so far has been communicated to the State Governments and other authorities concerned for examination and comments. In the meantime, works to check and mitigate the affect of floods and river erosion are being undertaken by the Government of Assam after due examination by the State-level Technical Advisory Committee with which the Brahmaputra Board is associated. The Centre is providing loan assistance to the Government of Assam towards the work component of the flood control schemes in the Brahmaputra Valley. The provision for the current year is Rs. 21 crores out of which an advance *ad hoc* release of Rs. 5 crores has been made already. As a measure to minimise damage due to floods, the Central Water Commission has been issuing flood forecasts and warnings from 20 flood forecasting stations established in Assam.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Registration, Membership, Direction and Management Settlement of Disputes, Appeal and Revision) Amendment Rules 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 109 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation), Notification G.S.R. No. 653(E), dated the 10th July, 1987; publishing the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Registration Membership, Direction and Management, Settlement of Disputes, Appeal and Revision) Amendment Rules, 1987. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4619/87].